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Hon. John Mitchell
The Attorney General
The Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Mitchell,

This is my appeal from your deputy's June 25 rejection of the request that letter cites from my letter of March 4, 1971.

I ask that you note two things both of which I believe violate the law, 5 U.S.C. 552:

- a) Delay of more than three months in acting upon a request for public information; and
- b) The statement "that I cannot (emphasis added) grant your request" because these allegedly are "investigatory files compiled for Law Enforcement purposes..."

The law requires promptness in response.

Were what I seek actually from files within the exemption, which it is not, that exemption is not mandatory.

Moreover, I have already been provided with copies of other pictures from these files on exactly the same subject, by your Department. This alone would seem to invalidate the grounds for this refusal.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg